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For: **SPHERICAL PARTICLES OF Fe BASE METALLIC GLASS ALLOY,  
Fe BASE SINTERED ALLOY SOFT MAGNETIC MATERIAL IN  
BULK FORM PRODUCED BY SINTERING THE SAME, AND  
METHOD FOR THEIR PRODUCTION**

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